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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-321749, published December 12, 1997 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-191079, published July 13, 1999 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-234261, published August 27, 1999 with English Abstract.

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4. Japanese Patent Application No. 63-131757, published June 3, 1988 with English

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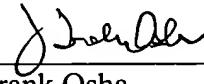
Abstract.

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